

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
**KOJIMA et al.** )  
**Application Number: To Be Assigned** )  
**Filed: Concurrently Herewith** )  
**For: METHOD FOR ISOLATING AND PURIFYING** )  
    **NUCLEIC ACIDS** )  
**Attorney Docket No. HITA.0519** )

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows: